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### NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of a six count indictment<sup>1</sup> charging CHRISTOPHER PURVIS, a/k/a/ "Shymeek Walter," a/k/a/ "Christopher Beatty," with making false statements to a federal firearms dealer, providing false information to a federal firearms licensee, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The Indictment alleges that on or about January 31, 2004, PURVIS, using a fraudulent driver's license, made false statements in the purchase of a Glock Model 30, .45 caliber pistol from a federally licensed firearms dealer and was then in possession of that firearm. The indictment also alleges that on or about March 13, 2004, PURVIS, using a fraudulent driver's license, made false statements in the purchase of a .45 caliber Ruger pistol from a federally licensed firearms dealer and was then in possession of that firearm. The indictment finally alleges that on or about September 28, 2004, PURVIS using a fraudulent driver's license, made false statements in the purchase of an FN Herstal Model five-seven, .57 caliber firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer and was then in possession of that firearm. PURVIS is a convicted felon who is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

This indictment is part of Project Sage Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, all District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Attorney General's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies, to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. Defendant PURVIS faces a maximum sentence of forty-five years imprisonment, a fine of \$1,500,000, three years supervised release, and a \$600 special assessment.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
CHRISTOPHER PURVIS	PHILADELPHIA	30

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The case has been assigned to Special Assistant United States Attorney Theresa A. Casey.

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